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States, is so vast that it would be impossible to print them in full, and even if such a thing were within the limits of possibility the time required would place beyond the period of the present generation power to know the truth of history. The plan has been adopted, therefore, of publishing a series of calendars, and that now under consideration includes most of the papers in the very valuable collection at the Confederate Museum.

The editor has, in the introduction, given a useful account of Confederate sources of material, of their value, and the pressing necessity for steps being at once taken to preserve them.

The entries in the Calendar are very clear and intelligible, the notes are numerous and carefully studied and there is a complete index.

In every way the volume is creditable to the Society and the editor, and is a most important contribution to the literature of Confederate history.

The bibliography of Confederate publications now a part of the noble collection in the Museum is excellently done.

JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF BURGESSES OF VIRGINIA. Edited by H. R. McIlwaine, Virginia State Library, 1752-1755, 1756-1758. Richmond, Virginia, MCMIX, pp. xxix, 551.

1758-1761, Richmond, Virginia, MCMVIII, pp. xix, 313.

1761-1765. Edited by John Pendleton Kennedy, Richmond, Virginia, MCMVII, pp. lxxvi, 383, with several fac-similes, illustrations, and index to each volume.

Since the last notice in this Magazine three more of the massive, beautifully printed and carefully edited volumes of this series have appeared. The period covered—from the beginning of the French and Indian war to the Stamp Act—is one of great interest and importance, and was also the time when the prosperity of the Colony of Virginia reached its high-water mark. It was a time of rapid increase in population, wealth and cultivation, and likewise of a luxury and expensive living which soon after the close of the period treated of began to show its effects on the planters' estates.

The prefaces give clear and useful summaries of the work of the various sessions and many valuable illustrative documents are printed for the first time either in the preface to 1761-62, or as appendices to the other volumes.

It is superfluous to refer to the great value of these Journals to the student of Virginia history. It is a subject for regret that the price can not be such as to make them more generally accessible.